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Field Crops

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Bolls are open on 68 percent of the State's cotton acreage, and harvesting is underway with 7 percent completed. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good. Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

Last week western Arizona growers shipped seeded and seedless watermelons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	- Percent -					
Alfalfa	0	2	42	42	14	
Cotton	0	1	29	56	14	
Range and Pasture	13	23	38	21	5	

Crop Progress

		Crop i rogress				
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.		
	- Percent -					
Cotton						
 Bolls Opening 	68	60	73	75		
Harvested	7	5	6	3		

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal in the State for the week ending September 9. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Buckeye to 9 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees at Parker, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 39

degrees. Precipitation was reported at 12 of the 22 reporting stations. Douglas received the most at 0.71 inches of precipitation and Grand Canyon received the least with 0.01 inches. Four stations are currently above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data September 3 - September 9, 2007

Temperature Precipitation Past Departure Percent Jan. 1 Station Avg. Dep. 1/ High Low Week to Date From Normal of Normal Aguila 85 5 102 67 0.00 3.91 -2.9757 Buckeye 89 1 107 70 0.06 2.62 -2.14 55 Canyon De Chelly 72 4 89 51 0.05 5.88 -0.4892 2 Coolidge 85 104 68 0.04 4.08 -0.98 81 2 Douglas 76 94 53 0.71 10.90 1.36 114 5 82 45 0.07 Flagstaff 64 8.61 -6.8756 9 39 63 **Grand Canyon** 64 85 0.01 8.97 -5.257 83 100 65 0.33 -5.10 26 Kingman 1.78 Marana 85 2 103 70 0.19 5.65 -2.11 73 4 Maricopa 88 106 69 0.00 3.87 -0.8682 89 2 72 0.00 48 Paloma 106 2.23 -2.39Parker 6 74 0.69 24 92 115 0.00 -2.135 Payson 73 89 56 0.00 9.38 -5.4963 Phoenix 95 7 109 82 0.00 2.60 -2.16 55 75 9 4.72 33 Prescott 93 57 0.00 -9.37 92 4 42 Roll 114 74 0.00 0.84 -1.14 Safford 80 3 99 61 0.00 9.13 2.88 146 St. Johns 74 6 89 58 0.07 8.06 0.06 101 3 Tucson 85 100 70 0.06 7.89 -0.18 98 Willcox 77 4 97 55 0.14 11.28 2.35 126 5 Winslow 76 92 54 0.26 5.06 -0.2196 92 4 112 75 0.00 0.33 -1.56 17 Yuma

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^{1/} Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.